

PATENT APPLICATION

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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HIKITA et al.

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND SEMICONDUCTOR CHIP FOR USE THEREIN

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

December 19, 2005

Sir:

This paper is in reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 5, 2005 and in reply to the Office Action dated October 12, 2005, please consider the following remarks, which begin on page 2.